



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6505

January Session, 2013



**AN ACT CONCERNING PARAMETERS FOR FEES FOR
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-221 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

3 (a) [Boards] Each local and regional board of education shall
4 prescribe rules for the management, studies, classification and
5 discipline of the public schools and, subject to the control of the State
6 Board of Education, the textbooks to be used; shall make rules for the
7 control, within their respective jurisdictions, of school library media
8 centers and approve the selection of books and other educational
9 media therefor, and shall approve plans for public school buildings
10 and superintend any high or graded school in the manner specified in
11 this title.

12 (b) Not later than July 1, 1985, each local and regional board of
13 education shall develop, adopt and implement written policies
14 concerning homework, attendance, promotion and retention. The
15 Department of Education shall make available model policies and
16 guidelines to assist local and regional boards of education in meeting
17 the responsibilities enumerated in this subsection.

18 (c) [Boards] Each local and regional board of education may

19 prescribe rules to impose sanctions against [pupils] students who
20 damage or fail to return textbooks, library materials or other
21 educational materials. [Said boards] A local or regional board of
22 education may charge [pupils] a student for such damaged or lost
23 textbooks, library materials or other educational materials and may
24 withhold grades, transcripts or report cards until the [pupil] student
25 pays for or returns the textbook, library book or other educational
26 material.

27 (d) Not later than July 1, 1991, each local and regional board of
28 education shall develop, adopt and implement policies and procedures
29 in conformity with section 10-154a for (1) dealing with the use, sale or
30 possession of alcohol or controlled drugs, as defined in subdivision (8)
31 of section 21a-240, by public school students on school property,
32 including a process for coordination with, and referral of such students
33 to, appropriate agencies, and (2) cooperating with law enforcement
34 officials.

35 (e) Not later than July 1, 1990, each local and regional board of
36 education shall adopt a written policy and procedures for dealing with
37 youth suicide prevention and youth suicide attempts. Each such local
38 and regional board of education may establish a student assistance
39 program to identify risk factors for youth suicide, procedures to
40 intervene with such youths, referral services and training for teachers
41 and other school professionals and students who provide assistance in
42 the program.

43 (f) Not later than September 1, 1998, each local and regional board of
44 education shall develop, adopt and implement written policies and
45 procedures to encourage parent-teacher communication. These policies
46 and procedures may include monthly newsletters, required regular
47 contact with all parents, flexible parent-teacher conferences, drop-in
48 hours for parents, home visits and the use of technology such as
49 homework hot lines to allow parents to check on their children's
50 assignments and students to get assistance if needed. For the school
51 year commencing July 1, 2010, and each school year thereafter, such

52 policies and procedures shall require the district to conduct two
53 flexible parent-teacher conferences for each school year.

54 (g) A local or regional board of education may develop a student
55 activity fee exemption policy for students who demonstrate an
56 inability to pay a student activity fee charged by the local or regional
57 board of education for participation in any extracurricular activity.
58 Such policy shall include, but not be limited to, the criteria and
59 standards for determining who is eligible for a student activity fee
60 exemption and a list of the student activity fees and extracurricular
61 activities to which such exemptions apply. If no such student activity
62 fee exemption policy exists for a local or regional board of education,
63 such local or regional board of education shall not charge a student
64 activity fee to a student for participation in any extracurricular activity
65 who demonstrates an inability to pay such student activity fee.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2013	10-221
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